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TOWN OF WAYLAND, MASS.

Competitive Plans for Library Building.

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The building is limited in cost to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). This includes all carpentry and masonry work, slate roofing, plain painting, heating and ventilating by hot-air fixtures, plumbing from tank service in roof, drainage, proper cesspools—for there are no public sewers—gas piping and electric wiring throughout, but does not include stacks in book-room, movable fixtures, or any filling for grading that must be brought in from outside, or architect's commission.

A blue-print plan of the estate, of which the library lot forms part, will be furnished each architect. The library lot covers only one-half acre. The main road lies to the west, and the center of the town to the south of the lot.

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REQUIREMENTS.

Book Room to have present accommodation for 20,000 volumes, with opportunity for extension to contain 40,000 volumes.

Delivery Desk to be in the Book Room and in a position to have as unobstructed a view as possible of all the rooms.

General Reading Room.

Children's Reading Room.

Librarian's Room, which may also serve for Cataloguing Room.

Toilet Room for men, with one W. C. and one bowl.

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A room in basement for packing and storage.

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Space for heating plant and fuel.

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DRAWINGS.

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One elevation of the entrance front.

One section.

One perspective.

The plans, with the exception of plot plan, section, elevation, and perspective, are to be drawn to a uniform scale of one-eighth inch to the foot.

The plot plan is to be drawn to the scale of one-sixteenth inch to the foot.

The perspective is to show the building as it would appear to a spectator standing 200 feet away from the southwest corner, through which the plane of the picture is to pass.

The sides of the building will make an angle of 45 degrees with the plane of the picture. The scale of the vertical line at the corner will be one-eighth of an inch to the foot.

The horizon line to be on the level of the library floor.

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Comprehensive Plans for Library Buildings

These plans were prepared for the Town of Wyland, Massachusetts, by the Library Building Committee, and are intended to serve as a guide for the construction of new library buildings.

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| 1. General Principles | 2. Site Selection |
| 3. Building Design | 4. Construction Details |
| 5. Equipment and Furnishings | 6. Operating Expenses |
| 7. Maintenance and Repairs | 8. Conclusion |

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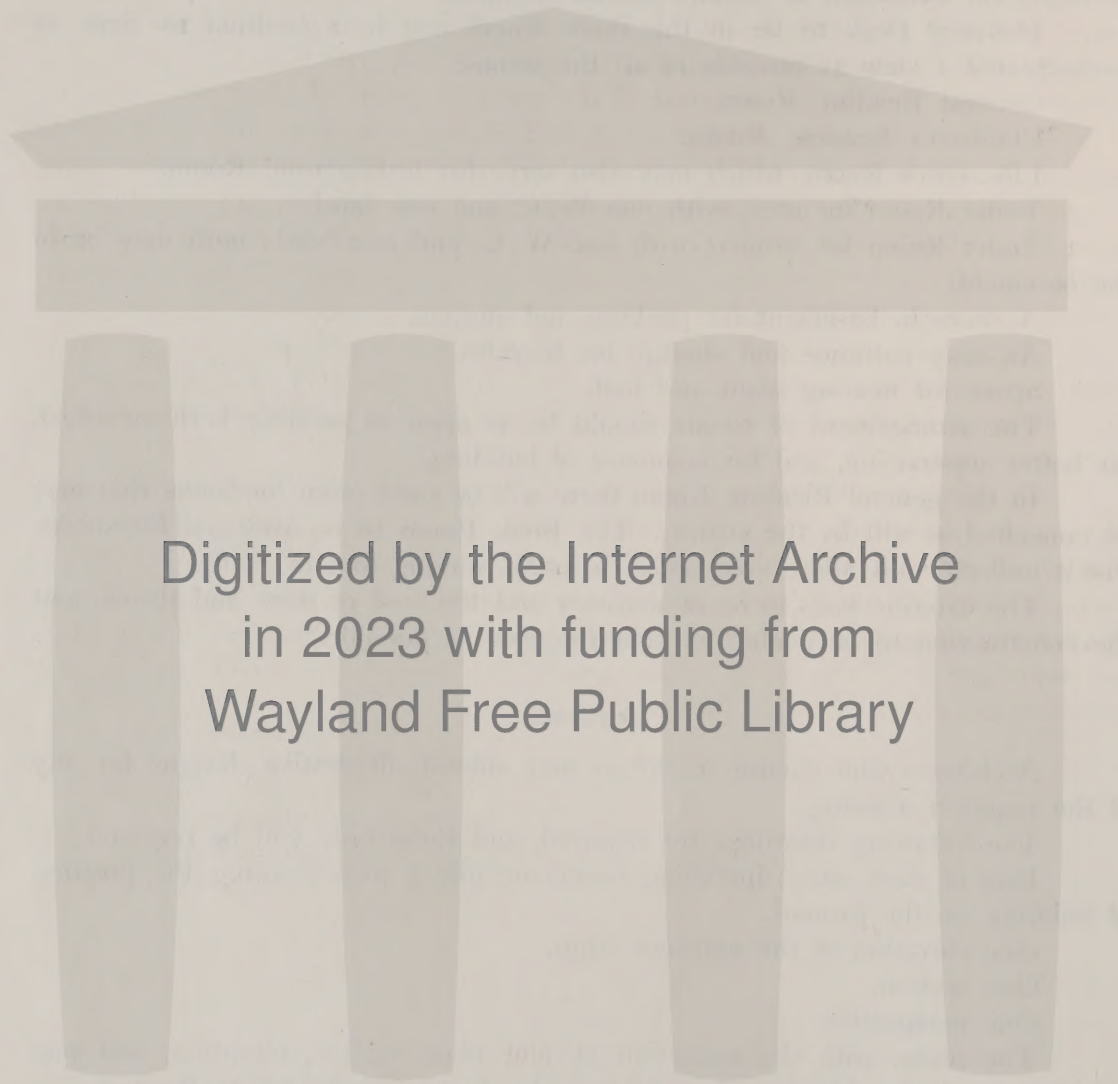
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